

REMARKS

Status of Case

Claims 1-58 are currently pending in this case.

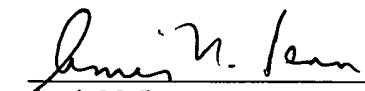
Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 23-53 and 57-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Capowski et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,426,697) in view of Masone, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,121,885). Claim 54 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Capowski et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,426,697) in view of Sweatt (U.S. Patent No. 6,696,942). Claims 1-24 and 55-56 were deemed allowed. In response, Applicants amend independent claims 25, 48, 50, and 54 in order to recite limitations similar to allowed claim 1.

SUMMARY

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

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